

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election of Species I in the reply filed on 12/20/2005 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Examiner's amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

3. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 9-15 and 18-20 non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 9-15 and 18-20 have been cancelled.

4. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 9-15 and 18-20.

In the Preliminary Amendment to the Specification dated 11/13/2004:

Page 2, after "January 13, 2002, insert --now U.S. Pat. No. 6,710,389,--.

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